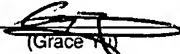




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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 17, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 17, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.